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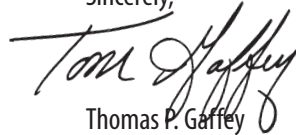
I have included some important information on this postcard about Medicare Part D, the new federal prescription drug plan. While I have serious concerns regarding its evident complexity and the plan's ever rising projected costs, I do believe it is important to provide you the consumer with information so that you can make good choices. I have included answers to some common questions and also have provided you with useful phone numbers so that you can make further inquiries.

The 2006 session of the General Assembly is underway. As always, I am committed to ensuring that we effectively respond to the needs and concerns of seniors during our session.

As the General Assembly considers proposals to adjust our budget and make changes to our tax system, it is important to remember that many initiatives affect seniors differently than others. Additionally, ConnPACE, dial-a-ride and other programs that assist elderly residents must be protected. As your state Senator, I can assure you that the General Assembly fully recognizes these responsibilities.

I invite you to call or write my office if you have a special concern or simply would like to share your opinion with me.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Gaffey  
State Senator



Your State Senator

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# MEDICARE PART D PLAN

## The Basics

- 1** There may be up to a \$250 annual deductible, depending upon the Part D plan you choose.
- 2** For prescription drug bills ranging from \$251 to \$2,250, Medicare will pay 75% of the costs and you will pay 25%.
- 3** There will be no Medicare coverage for prescription bills costing \$2,250 to \$5,100 during any particular year. This gap is often referred to as the "doughnut hole."
- 4** With respect to prescription drugs costing more than \$5,100, Medicare will pay 95% and you will pay 5%.

## Additionally...

There are several important conditions that you must consider. First, in order to get the benefits without paying a penalty, **you must pick a private prescription plan by May 15, 2006**, for which you will owe a premium, depending on the plan, ranging from \$7.32 to \$65.58 per month. The plan you choose should be determined by the prescription drugs you need.

Please also know that if you are enrolled in a retiree or other private health plan, you may retain those benefits and not need Medicare Part D coverage, realizing that your own health plan provides you with prescription drug coverage. If you drop or lose your current health plan, then you may decide to enroll in one of the Medicare prescription drug plans.



### PHONE NUMBERS

Medicare	1-800-633-4227
CHOICES (health insurance information and referral service)	1-800-994-9422
<b>Middletown:</b> Senior Center	343-5424
<b>Middlefield:</b> Senior Center/Social Services	349-7121
<b>Meriden:</b> Dept. of Health & Human Services	630-4222 or 630-4244
<b>Cheshire:</b> Cheshire Senior Center	272-8030
Infoline	211
Capitol Office of Senator Thomas Gaffey	1-800-842-1420